Steps to reduce the cost of cotton products

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to reduce the cost of cotton products to make them competitive in the world market; and

(b) how does the cost of different cotton products like yarn, cloth and garments compare with world producers of different countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) In order to reduce the cost of cotton products to make them competitive in the world market, the important steps taken by the Government, *inter-alia,* include:—

- Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) to improre productivity and quality of cotton for manufacture and export of competitive downstream textile products;
- Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) to facilitate the modernisation and upgradation of the textile industry both in the organised and unorganized sector;
- "Scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP)" to provide the textile industry with world-class infrastructure facilities.
- Provision for optional excise duty in 2004-05 Budget, for the entire textile sector, except for man-made fibre and filament yarn sector;
- Reduction in customs duty on import of textile machinery in 2005-06 Budget to facilitate import of state of the art machinery to make our products internationally competitive;

(b) The cost of production of different items of textile is furnished below:—

s. No.	Textile items	Cost of Production (US $/kg of Yarn S.No. 1-3 & US $/Yard of Fabric S.No. 4-10)						USA
		BRAZIL	CHINA	INDIA	ITALY	KOREA	TURKEY	
1.	Ring-Yarn	2.61	2.76	2.45	3.59	2.68	2.85	2.86
2.	O-E Yarn	2.31	2.51	2.17	2.75	2.35	2.48	2.30
3.	Ring/O-E Yarn	0.20	0.22	0.24	0.47	0.29	0.24	0.34
4.	Weaving Woven Ring Yarn Fabric	0.652	0.691	0.663	1.100	0.754	0.738	0.844
5.	Woven O-E Yarn Fabric	0.600	0.647	0.614	0.953	0.696	0.675	0.746
6.	Ring Yarn	0.14	0.08	0.12	0.24	0.12	0.12	0.19
7.	Knitting Knitted Ring Yarn Fabric	1.208	1.209	1.118	1.706	1.222	1.286	1.366
8.	O-E Yarn	0.07	0.04	0.06	0.12	0.06	0.06	0.10
9.	Knitting Knitted O-E Yarn Fabric	0.557	0.570	0.517	0.700	0.588	0.587	0.582
10.	Woven Textured Yarn Fabric	0.548	0.506	0.591	1.091	0.551	0.636	0.920

Schemes for benefit of textile sector

403. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes have been initiated since the inception of the new Government at the Centre for the benefit of textile sector;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether there is any programme in the offering to help textile sector to face globalization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S, ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The Government has initiated the following schemes for the benefit of textile sector:—

(1)HANDLOOM SECTOR

In the the Handloom Sector, the following schemes have been introduced: